

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	:	
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Valta et al.	:	Attorney Docket No.: 43289-205707
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Application No.: 10/501,950	:	Art Unit: 1623
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Filed: July 21, 2004	:	Examiner: E. White

Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING CELLULOSE CARBAMATE

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the supplemental notice of allowability issued January 13, 2010.

The Examiner indicated that Japanese patent document JP 60-123502 was not considered because an English translation of the document was not provided. The rules of practice do not require the filing of an English translation of a non-English document. Additionally, and significantly, as noted in the information disclosure statement submitted September 3, 2009, the relevance of JP 60-123502 is discussed in the Notification of Reason for Refusal issued by the Japanese patent office July 21, 2009, in a counterpart application. Additionally, as also noted in the information disclosure statement, U.S. patent 4,530,999 corresponds to JP 60-123502. Therefore, an English translation was, in fact, submitted.

Furthermore, as noted in the information disclosure statement, JP 60-123502 relates to irradiation of cellulose carbamate already manufactured. The cellulose carbamate can be manufactured, according to column 4, lines 23-31, using methods described in Finnish patents 61033 or 62318; the former was cited in the information disclosure statement submitted with the filing of the application, the latter corresponds to U.S. patent 4,404,369, which was also cited in the information disclosure statement submitted with the filing of the application.

In view of the above, Applicants have clearly satisfied the requirements of the duty of disclosure and the Examiner must indicate that JP 60-123502 has been considered. Additionally, since the Examiner indicated that U.S. patent 4,530,999 was considered, the Examiner has, in fact, considered JP 60-123502.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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